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ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

MEASURES TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AND THE ROLE OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

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Mr. Ramadhane and Ms. Warzazi: draft resolution

A world conference against racism, racial and ethnic discrimination, xenophobia and other related contemporary forms of intolerance

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Reaffirming the obligation of States under the Charter of the United Nations to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling the two World Conferences to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, held at Geneva in 1978 and 1983,

Welcoming the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, held at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993 and, in particular, the attention given to the programme of action for the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,

Noting with grave concern that, despite the efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of the two Decades to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination have not been attained and that millions of human beings continue to this day to be the victims of varied forms of racism and racial and ethnic discrimination,

Welcoming General Assembly resolution 48/91 of 20 December 1993, whereby the General Assembly decided to proclaim the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, beginning in 1993, and to adopt the Programme of Action proposed for the Third Decade,

Bearing in mind the sequence of world conferences programmed by the United Nations to take place before the year 2000,

Recommends to the Commission on Human Rights that, at its fifty-first session, it suggest, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, the possibility of convening a world conference against racism, racial and ethnic discrimination, xenophobia and other related contemporary forms of intolerance, to take place in 1997.